

**The Crucible, Act I** by Arthur Miller  
**Vocabulary Warm-up Exercises**

**Exercise A** *Fill in the blanks, using each word from Word List A only once.*

Throughout history and all across the world, a long series of [1] \_\_\_\_\_ leaders have tried to seize absolute power. This collection of dictators has included some of the most [2] \_\_\_\_\_ evildoers known to humanity. There can be few people unaware of the [3] \_\_\_\_\_, even frightening, details of the dictatorships of Adolf Hitler in Germany and Josef Stalin in Russia. It is a(n) [4] \_\_\_\_\_ that, even as these rulers thoroughly oppressed their people, they insisted on total [5] \_\_\_\_\_ and praise from their subjects. When faced by any resistance group or opposing [6] \_\_\_\_\_, these dictators invariably became [7] \_\_\_\_\_ and took revenge on their opponents. For many who lived under such dictatorships, the necessity to survive led to a type of [8] \_\_\_\_\_, in which they said one thing publicly and believed another in private.

**Exercise B** *Revise each sentence so that the underlined vocabulary word is logical. Be sure to keep the vocabulary word in your revision.*

**Example:** Her behavior was consistent, so her actions were hard to predict.  
*Her behavior was consistent, so her actions were easy to predict.*

1. That nation's government was fair and just, so a state of anarchy prevailed.  
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2. They defied the law so blatantly that the police didn't even observe them.  
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3. Inez was delighted when she heard about Joseph's defamation of her.  
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4. Our decision was drastic, so we changed course only slightly.  
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5. Because of his parochial mentality, he took note of a wide range of different views.  
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6. When you act with propriety, most people are surprised and shocked.  
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7. The team's win rankled John, who had played his heart out as captain.  
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8. The squabble between the children over toys was a source of pleasure to their mother.  
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